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Dear Ted:

I am writing on behalf of the Libby Area Technical Assistance Group (LATAG) to request information that we have not been able to obtain. Community involvement and participation in all phases of the EPA National Priority List cleanup process is the goal of LATAG. In striving to stay as up to date and informed as possible we are requesting additional information.

At present, we are aware that research has been completed in the development of a Libby Amphibole-specific toxicity value. This new reference concentration (RfC) is very important both to help scientifically determine the effectiveness of current cleanup efforts and to plan for future cleanup efforts in Libby. According to the EPA's website, the currently available toxicity value for asbestos that is being used is based on studies of the health effects of chrysotile and asbestos. This value has been applied in Libby to develop interim cleanup decisions while the Libby Amphibole-specific toxicity values are being developed. Now that the Libby Amphibole-specific RfC values have been developed, we would like to know when they will become available for use.

Also, our Technical Advisor, Terry Spear, PhD has developed a list of questions concerning the Records of Decision issued for Operable Units one and two. We have submitted these questions to the local EPA office but as of yet have not received any response. The list of questions is attached to this letter so that you may address them.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these requests. We look forward to your responses which will greatly help the LATAG to preform our role effectively. If you require any further information about the above requests please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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